





## THE CONSERVER.

BY IRVING TODD.

Office Over the First National Bank.

## The Congressional Platform.

Resolved, By the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, two-thirds of both houses concurring, That the following articles be proposed to the legislature of the several states as an amendment to the constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of said legislatures, shall be valid as part of the constitution, namely:

Sec. 1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States, nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

Sec. 2. Representatives shall be apportioned among the several states according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each state, excluding Indians not taxed. But when the right to vote at any election for electors of president or vice president or for United States representatives in congress, executive or judicial officers, or the members of the legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such state, being twenty-one years of age and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced to the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such state.

Sec. 3. No person shall be a senator of representative in congress, or elector of president or vice president, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any state, who, having previously taken an oath as a member of congress, or as a member of any state legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any state, to support the constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof; but congress may, by a two-thirds vote of each house, remove such disability.

Sec. 4. The validity of the public debt of the United States, authorized by law, including debts incurred with respect to pensions and bounties for services in suppressing the insurrection or rebellion, shall not be questioned; but neither the United States nor any state shall assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or any claim for the loss or emancipation of any slave; but all such debts, obligations, and claims shall be held illegal and void.

Sec. 5. The congress shall have power to enforce by appropriate legislation the provisions of this article.

## New Publications.

**The American Conflict.**—We are pleased to announce to our readers that *The American Conflict, a History of the Great Rebellion*, in two volumes, by Horace Greeley, is complete. Vol. II. is a fitting counterpart to Vol. I., of which 130,000 copies have already been sold, and which has been accepted by men of all parties as the standard history of the war. It is written in a clear, terse, and vigorous style, relieved from dryness by a compressed fervor and occasional touches of humor. Mr. Greeley has endeavored to portray the soul of the great conflict. His vivid and graphic descriptions of armies, marches, battles, and sieges are all designed to impress upon the minds of his readers the efforts, burdens, sacrifices, heroisms, and valor of our soldiers, the constancy of our statesmen, the patriotic faith, courage, and generosity of our citizens, and the growth and potency of those intellectual, moral, and providential forces, which operate in behalf of Liberty, Intelligence, and Civilization. Yet, while so much attention is given to the philosophy of history, the moulding and refining of public opinion, the succession of political events, and to legislation and its sequences, at least three-fourths of Vol. II. is devoted to military and naval occurrences, and is more complete in all of the minor details of campaigns than any history yet given to the public. It contains accounts of one hundred engagements, not described by other historians, in several of which the losses numbered more than 1,000 each, and contains one hundred and forty-four portraits, in classical groups, of prominent actors in the war, and a splendid, life-like portrait of the author, seventy-one diagrams of battle fields, prepared by topographical engineers, from plans made on the field, and a large copper plate map of the seat of war, 28 x 38 inches, being the most complete and accurate map of the kind yet published. The mechanical execution of the work is unsurpassed, being substantial and elegant in style. An American citizen, who desires to understand the causes which led to the great crime of secession, and the succession of events which rendered treason odious and the Union triumphant, will not fail to read *The American Conflict*.

The work is sold only by subscription, and is now ready for delivery by Geo. & C. W. Sherwood, 165 Madison Street, Chicago, Ill., and by their agents in the west.

The Rock Island Railroad Company and the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railroad Company have filed articles of consolidation. The consolidated company assumes the name of "Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railroad Company."

## The Life of the Mosquito.

Did it ever occur to you, when, by a well-directed slap you demolish a mosquito, that you destroy a very beautiful, and, in spite of its blood-thirsty propensities, interesting object? The male insect is readily distinguished by his plumage. He has the negative quality of not annoying us, lives but a short time, and what little food he requires he gets from flowers. The female is armed with a formidable proboscis. To understand her history, we must go back to the eggs. The female lays her eggs upon the water; finding a suitable place, she supports herself by her two pairs of fore legs, and, crossing the hinder pair like a letter X, she deposits the eggs, one after another, in this support made by the legs, putting them endwise, side by side, and sticking them firmly together by means of a glutinous secretion which covers them. When the mass is complete, it is in the shape of a little boat, consisting of from one hundred and fifty to three hundred and fifty eggs, which is set afloat and abandoned to its fate. It will not sink, nor will hard usage break it up, nor freezing destroy the vitality of the eggs. In a few days the larvæ, as the first stage of the insect is called, are hatched, and make their way out of the under side of the egg, and go off in search of food. They may be seen in any vessel of rain-water that has been exposed for some days during summer; from their peculiar manner of locomotion they are called "wigglers." Near the tail is a tube of hairs through which the wriggler breathes. When not disturbed it rests with its head downward, and with this tube at the surface of the water, but on approach of danger it rapidly wriggles itself to the bottom of the vessel. After wriggling through eight to fifteen of the first days of its existence, and casting its skin two or three times, the mosquito goes into the pupa state. In this condition it swims with its head upward, and, though not so lively as before, it moves and tumbles about by means of some paddles at the end of its tail. While in the pupa state it takes no food, and its breathing arrangements are quite reversed; for, instead of respiring through the tube at the end of its tail, it is furnished with two tubes at the head, through which it takes in air. This state of things lasts from five to ten days, when the skin bursts and the perfect insect comes forth. This is a most critical period in the life of these insects, and they only can emerge with safety on a very still, sunny day. The skin of the pupa bursts open on the back, and the insect first protrudes its head, then its thorax gradually follows, and it stands erect in the shell with its legs still confined, and its wings limp and damp. The slightest breeze at this time would upset the frail boat, and the insect would be drowned. But a very small proportion of the whole succeed in passing the last transformation in safety. Soon the front pair of legs are extricated, and placed upon the water. This enables the insect to steady itself, and much diminishes the danger of upsetting. The sun speedily dries the wings, which are gradually expanded; then the other legs are drawn out and placed on the edge of the pupa case, and the antennæ and proboscis are elevated, and the insect is able to quit its watery abode and fly off to serenade us with its shrill note, and to relieve us of our surplus blood.

Naturalists are not agreed as to the manner in which the mosquito produces its peculiar and annoying sound; it is thought by some that the wings alone do not cause it, but they are aided by the rapid vibration of the muscles of the chest. It is said that the wings vibrate fifty times in a second. If the cause of the song of the mosquito is not well understood, such is not the case with the other annoying peculiarity—its stinging. Here the object is so small that the microscope must be called to our aid. When examined by the glass, the sting of the mosquito is found to be a very beautiful as well as complex instrument. The wonderful fineness of its points is seen in the case with which they penetrate our tough skin. The sting itself would cause but little annoyance, were it not that the proboscis gives off an irritating secretion which inflames the slight wound, and in some persons becomes a painful swelling, and even troublesome ulcers. This is intended to give an idea of the structure and habits of mosquitoes in general, and not of any particular species. Our mosquitoes belong to the genera *Megarrhinus* and *Culex*, but they do not seem to have been thoroughly studied, and there is much confusion among naturalists concerning them.—*American Agriculturist*.

## A Chinese Lodging House.

There is in Pekin a place where houseless vagabonds may sleep for the tenth part of a cent per night. In an immense hall the floor is covered two or three feet thick with chicken feathers. The customers are introduced into this hall and take the first place they can find. They disappear in the feathers as if they were in water. All ages and both sexes lie pell-mell together. Over this downy bed hangs a canopy as large as the hall itself; the canopy is made of felt, and is perforated with as many oval holes as the hall may contain sleepers. When the hour is struck for the closing of doors this canopy is lowered to the floor. Every sleeper hastens to thrust his head through a hole in order to breathe fresh air and escape being suffocated by the feathers. At the hour of rising the gong sounds and each sleeper pulls his head out of the hole to avoid being strangled by the canopy, which is pulled up to the ceiling by blocks and pulleys. This secures the waking of the lodgers. They then go to the office and pay their bill for their night's lodging.

A man who covers himself with oostly apparel, and neglects his mind, is like one who illuminates the outside of his house and sits within in the dark.

## Musical Faculty of Birds.

Do the birds appreciate human music? do they even appreciate their own? I think it would be difficult to come to the conclusion that birds—singing birds, at least—are not musicians, in the sense of feeling not only what they execute, but feeling, moreover, the music executed by human voices and on human instruments. It is well known that the strains of singing birds are not so wholly an affair of nature that they cannot be modified or even altered by education. Bird-fanciers are well aware that there are three distinct schools, as one may call them, of canary-bird music—the German, the Belgian, and the English—and it is also a well-known fact that the singing of British goldfinches differs in certain particulars according as they are obtained from different neighborhoods. Perhaps, of all singing-birds, the most remarkable effect of education is seen in bullfinches. Naturally, these pretty birds have very harsh voices, in no way musical. How prettily they can be made to sing by education most of us know from experience. That education chiefly takes place in Germany, and the singing, or rather whistling, masters are showmen. It is a very laborious, or at any rate a very protracted affair, the imparting of a musical education to these bullfinches. Master Crispin, sitting on his stool playing awl and wax-end, whistles to his bird-recruits some little ditties. They begin to listen attentively very soon, and seldom fall, in the end, to learn their appointed lesson. I once had the honor of knowing a pair of bullfinches whose musical education had attained so high a degree of excellence that they were in the habit of singing in concert; not in unison, either—that is to say, the same notes—but a regularly harmonized first and second. Their intonation was perfect, but, as is the case with all bird musicians, their time was occasionally weak. When I first made the acquaintance of these bullfinches, their musical education had long ceased; that is to say, they had long dismissed their music-master. Nevertheless they practised day by day their one piece (they knew but one), as all musicians proud of their act and desirous to excel, ought to do. Some few turning points of difficulty there were in the one piece, as usually happens. It was an amusing thing, at first, and in the end somewhat tiresome, to hear how they would try back, go over the troublesome notes again, and strive to make them even. I do not know how these birds had been educated so as to teach them that most difficult specialty of the musician's art, harmony.

## The Great Modern Method of getting customers is by advertising.

By its means almost anything can be sold, and a fortune made by the sale. This powerful engine is used by quacks and charlatans, it is true; but it is not less powerful in the hands of the honorable trader. If trash, or worse, can be sold by its means, still more can useful articles. But on this head we cannot do better than to quote Greeley's essay on advertising. He says:

"To the merchant or dealer who is sure of his ability to fill orders on the most favorable terms, the attainment of an adequate publicity is the matter of primary concern. If his circle of trade is properly the country in which he lives, then he should take effectual measures to let every family in the country know what he sells, and on what conditions. It is idle to speak of the costs of an impediment. He might as well object to the cost of sheltering his goods from bad weather, protecting them from thieves, or dealing them out to customers. All the other cost of his business is incurred without adequate motive or return, so long as the essential element of his business is neglected or scorned. If his location and his stock only entitle him to expect the custom of his own township and neighborhood, then he should incur the expenses of fully informing that locality. Just so with the wholesale merchant, who aspires to a custom co-extensive with his state, his section, or the whole Union. If he is prepared to satisfy so wide a demand on favorable terms, the expense of advertising those whom he desires for customers of the nature of his business, the character of his stock, the range of his prices, and the reason why he should be dealt with, is one which he cannot refuse to incur without gross incompetency and ruinous profligacy. By thus refusing he increases his expenses for rent, lights, fuel, clerk hire, etc., from one-half per cent. on his aggregate sales and renders it morally impossible that he should sell at a profit, and at the same time sell as cheaply as his more enterprising and capable rivals. In effect he confesses defeat and incapacity, and retreats to the rear end of his vocation."

"There is a large class who delight to shine in newspapers and placards as wits and poets, and announce their wares in second-hand jokes, and in doggerel fit to set the teeth of a dull saw on edge. If their object is notoriety or a laugh, this is the way to attain it; but if it be business, it would seem better to use the language of business. Leave clown's jests to the circus, and let sober men speak as they act, with directness and decision. The fewest words that will convey the ideas are the right ones."

You are a coward, if afraid to tell the truth when you should do so. You are a coward, when you insult the weak. You are a coward, if afraid to do right, if you shrink from defending your opinion, from maintaining that which you know to be just and good; and you are especially a coward, if you know certain things of yourself, and care not to own them to yourself.

One of the interesting features of the Paris exhibition will be the collection of periodical literature now in course of formation in England. Newspapers, magazines, and pamphlets of all kinds are to be classified and exhibited; the issue of the year 1866 only to be included.

## AGRICULTURAL.

## Husking in the Fall.

A great deal of corn is lost every year by deferring to operation of husking until winter, a shocks being small and hurriedly made are not capable of withstanding n, and the ears getting wet become much damaged. If husking could be done in the fine weather of October or the beginning of November, the shocks should be rebuilt, putting four or five into one, packing the stalks so close and finishing the tops of the shocks sharply that rain cannot penetrate the ears. For large shocks or ecks, straw caps will be found very riceable. Some persons remove the rs and store them without husking, but this involves the necessity of hiding the ears twice instead of once makes extra labor. When the corn is fit for husking, the sooner the operation is performed the better, for the ears can be assorted, the inferior being reserved for early use as food for hys and cats; the best to be stored in the cornhouse or granary, and the stalks properly secured for fodder.

## Husks for Horses.

The following recipe was given me by a celebrated steeps-chaser—I never knew any horse resist it.—Take a feed of oats, a double handful of linseed for each horse, and bil for three hours; then turn into a large tub or earthenware pan, and add much bran, with just enough warmwater to moisten the whole throughly, put a cloth over it, and let it stand a hour; then mix it well, and feed as soon as it is cool enough. This mash is very useful when horses are in hard condition "dry up" and grow thin in spite of continual feeds of corn. I give it once a week all the year round, but oftener if required by any particular horse. A fewhears may be boiled with the corn if the horse is in a very low condition.—*London Field*.

Four months out most five months is old enough to take chickens for the table, and, if you take them at that age, in good fresh condition, three or four weeks of confinement ought to bring them into first rate condition. If they are going to market they may be crowded to advantage, but for home consumption it is not needed. If you make a coop big enough for fifteen or twenty fowls and put but four or five into it, they will not readily fatten. They have too much room. To fatten rapidly they must not have room to move about freely, but simply enough to stand and shift their position. They ought to be fed three times a day. Indian meal or dough is one of the best articles of food to lay on fat. Oatmeal mixed with milk is also first rate. Either substance should be first mixed each time, and no more ought to be given than will be eaten up at the time. If you give too much the bird will overfeed, or become cloyed, that is, the appetite is destroyed, and the food goes sour, and, if the fowl will not take a decided distaste to it, it will not thrive upon it.—*Country Gentleman*.

Every farmer who is not ambitious to be behindhand in his work will be pretty sure to see that enough fuel for spring, summer, and autumn use is prepared during the last of winter, or the leisure days of early spring, but the same provident man will in nine cases out of ten, burn green, wet wood all through the winter. He lets the supply run out, or thinks that winter, being the natural wood cutting season to him, it is well enough to burn it as it comes from the forest. This should not be so, and it need not be so. Let him take a much pains to see that his wood is cut and housed for winter as well as summer use, and he will thus rob winter of some of its cold by having the where-with to heat up his house at any time, at short notice.—*Working Farmer*.

All animals fatten better in the dark than in the light, and this can only be accounted for by the increased quiet. In the dark the animal remains perfectly quiet, while in the light the reverse is often the case. Some kinds of stock which are the most irritable in confinement, as turkeys and geese, are found to lay on fat best when confined in the dark, and fed only at stated periods. There is no surer proof that a pig is doing well than to see him eat his meal quickly, and go to bed to sleep till feeding again.—*Germantown Telegraph*.

Dwarf evergreens, planted in tubs or boxes where, during the past summer, verbenas, geraniums, etc., have freely bloomed, help to make a cheerful and pleasing character to a portion of the garden or lawn that otherwise would present a barren and rather unsightly feature. The evergreens, if not planted in spring to plant elsewhere, may be kept in the tubs in the back yard, or massed in around and among groups of stately trees.

Every farm house should be provided with a scraper, fag-mat, and old broom at the door, for cleaning the boots before entering the house, otherwise the work of the household will be increased by the cleaning out of dirt and sometimes filth that adheres to them. Any little attention that will diminish the care and labor of the perhaps overworked wife will, no doubt, be appreciated.

"Small farms well cultivated are more profitable than large plantations half tilled," and so with farm stock of all kinds. Keep not a single head more than you can keep well. Purchase only the very best, bestow the utmost care upon it, and your reward is certain.—*Country Gentleman*.

Bulbs that are yearly moved and flowered in the open ground rarely seed; but, if left in the same place three or more years, without having been taken up, the main or centre flower stalks will generally produce seed. Plants, however, that are grown in pots in the house nearly always produce seeds, hence such plants are advised for operating on.

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18-1f

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Lucas Bros.  
have fitted up in good style in their new quarters on Vermillion Street, directly opposite their old stand, where they are prepared to furnish the best cuts at the lowest cash rates. Call in.

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JOHN LUCAS.  
Hastings, July 10, 1866. 13-1f

## CLOTHING.

## THE UNION CLOTHING STORE.

## PHILIPP FRANK

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## HATS AND CAPS,

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This stock has been purchased East during the late decline, expressly for this market, and will be sold at living rates. All goods warranted well made and of the best material.

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AND

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LADIES AND GENTS' FURS,

Etc., Etc., Etc.,

which they will sell at prices that defy competition.

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AND

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is also very large, and purchasers will find it to their advantage to examine our stock before buying elsewhere. We propose to sell

Lower than the Lowest.

No trouble to show goods.

IRVING TODD.

MARX & MAYER.

Hastings, Oct. 22d, 1866. 28-1f

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Circulars, Calendars, Blotters, and Show Cards furnished upon application.

Hastings, Feb. 1, 1866.







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**The Dutch Judge.**  
There lived in one of the mountainous counties of Western Virginia many Dutchmen, and among them one named Henry Snyder; and there were likewise two brothers, called George and Jake Fulwiler—they were all rich, and each owned a mill. Henry Snyder was subject to fits of derangement; but they were not of such a nature as to render him disagreeable to any one. He merely conceived himself to be the Supreme Ruler of the universe; and, while under the infatuation, had himself a throne built, on which he sat to try the causes of all who offended him, and passed them off to heaven or hell, as his honor prompted—he personating both judge and culprit.

It happened one day that some difficulty occurred between Henry Snyder and the Fulwilers, on account of their mills; when, to be avenged, Henry Snyder took along with him a book, in which he recorded his judgments, and mounted his throne to try their cause. He was heard to pass the following judgments:

Having prepared himself (acting as judge, and yet respondent for the accused) he called George Fulwiler.

"Shorge Fulwiler, stand up. What hash you been doin' in dis lower world?"

"Ah, lort, I does not know."

"Well, Shorge Fulwiler, hasn't you got a mill?"

"Yes, lort, I hash."

"Well, Shorge Fulwiler, didn't you never take too much toll?"

"Yes, lort, I hash—when der water wash low, and mein business was dull, I take a leetle too much toll."

"Well den, Shorge Fulwiler, you must go to der left, mit to goats."

"Well, Shorge Fulwiler, how you stand up. What you been doin' in dis lower world?"

(The trial now proceeded throughout precisely like the former, and with the same result.)

"Now I tries myself, Henry Snyder! Henry Snyder! stand up. What hash you been doin' in dis lower world?"

"Ah, lort, I does not know."

"Well, Henry Snyder, hasn't you got a mill?"

"Yes, lort, I hash."

"Well, Henry Snyder, didn't you never take too much toll?"

"Yes, lort, I hash, when der water wash low, and mein business was dull, I hash ta' on a leetle too much toll."

"But, Henry Snyder, what you do wid der toll?"

"Ah, lort, I gives it to der poor."

"Push g!" "Well, Henry Snyder, you must go to der right mit der sheep; but it is a tight squeeze!"

**The Throat Valve.**

Romanians are fond of contrasting the power of the locomotive with the apparently inadequate means of managing and governing that power.

It is popularly supposed that a child can start and stop a locomotive. Possibly it may be so; but it is not the belief of those who have occupied the driver's position. Apart from the immense responsibility, greater and more exacting than that of the conductor, there is a large amount of hard labor to be performed. Even the starting of a train is a labor. It requires something more than the "weight of a child's finger," as we have heard it expressed, to pull the throttle of a locomotive. It requires the exertion of considerable muscular power, and it seems as though the throttle valve might be balanced, so that it would not demand such a strain upon the wrist and the biceps muscle, to open the passage to the steam chests. The subject is worthy of attention, although it may appear trifling. It is no easy job to run one or two hundred miles every day, on a route where the stations are but a few minutes apart, as every engineer of a train knows. *Scientific American.*

Within a few years, and since there has been such a demand for American cheese in Europe, factories for its manufacture have been established in Vermont and at the West, and there are one or two established in Massachusetts. Farmers, instead of making cheese at home, carry the milk to these factories, where it is weighed and credited to them, and the amount of milk developed by each determines his share of the proceeds. In this process, better cheese, of a more comely shape, is made, and it demands a higher price—a cent or more on the pound.

On enquiry at the navy department it is ascertained that no monitors have been sold to any foreign government, nor have any foreign governments intimated a desire to make such investments. It is true, however, that private parties, all of them American citizens, have offered propositions, without stating for whom they wished to purchase them; but the government has declined to sell any of that class of ships, whether they were built in the navy yards by government constructors or outside by private parties.

The treasury to-night holds nearly one hundred millions in gold, fourteen millions of which are represented by gold certificates. The gold reserve is now larger than ever before. About twenty-five millions will be required to pay the November five-twenty coupons now due. Mr. McCulloch persists in his determination not to deplete the treasury at present of its gold reserve beyond what the regular disbursements demand.

The corner stone of the capital of Kansas was laid at Topeka on the 17th of October with solemn and imposing ceremonies, which were conducted by the most worshipful grand lodge of masons, then in session at that place.

The president has appointed Leroy Tuttle, late assistant cashier in the office of the treasurer, assistant treasurer of the United States to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Standish Barry.

## LOCAL AFFAIRS.

**THE MEETING.**—Mr. DONNELLY spoke last night to one of the largest audiences ever gathered in Teutonia Hall to hear a political speech, and his remarks were received with rounds of applause. We expect a vote for him in like proportion.

**EXPLANATORY.**—By some oversight in the make-up of our last issue there was a local calling attention to a marriage notice that should have been in another column, but wasn't. We owe Mr. JENNISON an apology for the late publication of the happy event.

**PERSONAL.**—Mr. D. J. DANN, the efficient agent of H. C. CHANDLER & Co., of Indianapolis, Ind., has been canvassing our town this week for a directory of the North-West, soon to be published by that well known firm. We learn that he was very successful among our business men, and we commend him to the towns below us on the river.

**ELECTION.**—As we go to press this p. m. every thing seems quiet in town, no noise or disturbance, and a stranger would hardly know that there was one of the most exciting elections being held in Hastings we ever had. How it will result no one pretends to know, much less to guess, but Old Dakota is bound to be purged out one of these days. It is simply a question of time.

**BOARD OF TRADE MEETING.**—At an adjourned meeting of the merchants and business men of this city, held at the office of C. H. LANGE, esq., Friday evening, Nov. 24, the following organization was effected:

**President.**—John C. Meloy.

**Vice President.**—B. B. Allen.

**Secretary.**—C. A. Baker.

**Treasurer.**—B. C. Howes.

**Directors.**—John F. Norrish, D. E. Eyre, N. C. Draper, A. E. Rich, John Poller, J. F. Macomber, P. Van Auk.

A committee consisting of JOHN F. NORRISH and J. F. MACOMBER was appointed to confer with the city council in relation to hiring the ferry.

**Adjourned.**

**A SAD AFFAIR.**—Mr. JOSEPH M. DUGAN, foreman of *The Minneapolis Chronicle*, was stabbed in the arm on the 29th ult. by a negro boy in the office, and died on Wednesday from prostration caused by the great loss of blood.

Mr. DUGAN was a very quiet, inoffensive man, greatly esteemed by the entire fraternity of the state, and his sudden and unexpected death is mourned by hosts of friends. He leaves a wife and two small children. His remains were brought to this city on Friday for burial. On the way down the horses of the entire procession became frightened, a general run ensued, and Mrs. JOHN MARSHALL was thrown out of the carriage. Her injuries, though serious, are not reported fatal, and she will not be permanently affected thereby. We regret that our lack of space prevents us from copying sundry resolutions, which we shall endeavor to make room for in our next.

**THE FIREMEN'S PARADE.**—Agreeably to programme Hope No. 1 turned out yesterday in uniform, with their truck decked with flags and evergreens, and headed by the brass band, made quite a display through our streets. They were reviewed by the city council on the corner of Second and Sibley Streets, and speeches made by Ald. TAYLOR in behalf of the council, and CHAS. PEARSON, on the part of the firemen. Then the line of march was again taken up, and, after parading down Second, up Ramsay, across Seventh, and down Vermillion, the company was formed in front of the engine house to listen to a few remarks by Mayor FRENCH. The neat uniform and tidy appearance of the men won the favorable regard of all, and it is the universal sentiment of our citizens that they must have an engine, and that, too, immediately.

The hall in the evening was largely attended, and passed off very pleasantly.

## LOCAL NOTICES.

Don't forget to call on Newman, or to price the large assortment of the latest styles and varieties he has for sale. It will be money in your pocket to do so. If you don't believe it, try it on and see.

See Macomber's advertisement, and then go down to his store and examine the gifts on exhibition. If you want a watch, a set of jewelry, a sewing machine, or any thing else for a dollar, now is your time. You will never have a better opportunity, and every thing warranted to be fair and square.

PHILIP FRANK has gone below for a new supply of goods, and in a few days his assortment of Clothing and Furnishing Goods will be on hand. Call at his new store on Vermillion Street and examine the large and extensive variety now on hand. Prices low as the lowest, and everything warranted.

## DISTRIBUTIONS.

We would call attention to the opinion of one of the leading papers of Canada on this subject: Most of our readers have no doubt read some of the numerous advertisements of gift enterprises, gift concerts, etc., which appear from time to time in the public prints, offering most tempting bargains to those who will patronize them. In most cases these are genuine humbugs. But there are a few respectable firms who do business in this manner, and they do it as a means of increasing their wholesale business, and not to make money. From such firms, it is true, handsome and valuable articles are procured for a very small sum, and, what is more important, no one is ever cheated. Every person gets good value for his dollar; because, as we have stated, it is intended to act as an advertisement to increase their ordinary business. We have seen numbers of prizes sent out in this way by SHERMAN, WARREN, & Co., of Nassau Street, New York, and there is no doubt that some of the articles are worth eight or ten times the money paid for them, while we have not seen or heard of a single article which was not fully worth the dollar which it cost. But this is only one of the exceptions of this rule, for as a general thing the parties engaged in this business are neither but clever swindlers.—*Saturday Reader*, Montreal, O. E., Jan. 13, 1886. 27-28m

**MARRIED.**

In Hastings, Oct. 24th, 1886, at the residence of N. C. Draper, esq., by the Rev. C. S. Le Duc, Mr. HORACE JENNISON, of St. Albans, Vt., to Miss LIZZIE BALLARD, of Georgia, Vt.

At Empire City, Oct. 24th, by the Rev. Charles Thayer, Mr. HENRY L. MOSS to Miss MARTHA J. BALCH.

At Empire City, Nov. 1st, by the Rev. Charles Thayer, Mr. ELIAS W. HOLDEN to Miss ELIZABETH MCKAY.

In this city, Oct. 31st, 1886, at the residence of the bride, by the Rev. J. M. Rogers, Mr. JACOB VAN WERKER, of Faribault, and Mrs. SUSAN TWITCHELL, Hastings.

**A. F. and A. M.**

VERMILLION LODGE, No. 2, R. A. M.—Stated meeting Friday on preceding full moon, at their hall, corner Second and Vermillion Streets. J. E. FINCH, H. P. Sec. & R. N. Secretary.

DAKOTA LODGE, No. 7, A. F. and A. M.—Stated meeting 24th and 26th Mondays in each month at their hall, corner Second and Vermillion Streets. R. J. MARVIN, W. M. C. O. B. Sec. & R. N. Secretary.

MT. MORIAH LODGE, No. 35, A. F. and A. M.—Stated meeting 24th and 26th Mondays in each month at their hall, corner Second and Vermillion Streets. J. E. FINCH, W. M. C. O. B. Sec. & R. N. Secretary.

**I. O. O. F.**

VERMILLION LODGE, No. 3—Meets Tuesday evening of every week at their hall, corner Second and Vermillion Streets. LOUIS HENRY, N. G. N. C. JOHNSON, Recording Secretary.

**I. O. of G. T.**

STAR LODGE, No. 47—Regular meeting every Monday evening at their hall on Third Street. JOHN KENNEDY, W. S.

**HASTINGS LUMBER MARKET.**

Common Lumber, \$25 00 (Quarter No. 1, \$50 00) No. 2, \$40 00  
Pine, 25 00 No. 2, 40 00  
Flooring, 35 00 S. S. singles, extra, 6 00  
Siding, 25 00 No. 1, 30 00  
Lath, 4 00 S. S. boards, 25 00

**MONETARY QUOTATIONS OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF HASTINGS.**

[CORRECTED WEEKLY.]  
Bankable Funds.  
U. S. Notes, All National Banks, Canada.

**Exchange.**  
FOR BANKABLE FUNDS.

New York, Philadelphia, Boston, 52 1/2  
Chicago, 52 1/2  
St. Louis, 52 1/2  
San Francisco, 52 1/2  
London, 104 1/2  
Paris, 104 1/2  
Berlin, 104 1/2  
Hamburg, 104 1/2  
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**HASTINGS PRODUCE MARKET.**

Hastings, Nov. 6th, 1886.  
Receipts are increasing, as well as prices.

We quote:

WHEAT, No. 1, per bushel, \$1.45—\$1.50  
WHEAT, No. 2, per bushel, 1.40—1.45  
FLOUR, per sack, 47 1/2—5.00  
SUGAR, per bushel, 55—65  
COFFEE, per bushel, 55—65  
RICE, per bushel, 55—65  
PEAS, per bushel, 55—65  
BEANS, per bushel, 55—65  
CORN, per bushel, 55—65  
BUTTER, per lb., 30—40  
EGGS, per dozen, 30—40  
PORK, salt, per lb., 20—22  
BEEF, fresh, per lb., 10—15

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

**VALENTINE BOOK.**

**Merchant Tailor,**

and dealer in

**READY MADE CLOTHING,**

Furnishing Goods,

**HATS AND CAPS,**

Etc., Etc., Etc.

The hall in the evening was largely attended, and passed off very pleasantly.

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**EDISON BLOCK,**

and examine his assortment.

Hastings, Oct. 15th, 1886. 27-4f

**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF HASTINGS**

Is now fully organized for the transaction of a general banking business with a capital of \$100,000. The bank will receive Deposits, buy and sell Exchange, United States, and State Bonds and Securities, Coupons, Gold, etc., etc.

S. G. RENTZ, President.  
Stephen Gardner, Vice President.  
L. S. FOLLETT, Cashier.

S. G. RENTZ, L. S. FOLLETT, Stephen Gardner, H. H. PRINGLE, A. W. GARDNER.  
Hastings, Jan. 1, 1886. 22-4f

## INSURANCE.

**PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY**

**AGAINST LOSS BY**

**FIRE**

**BY INSURING WITH**

**IRVING TODD**

Insurance Agent,

In Exchange Block, up stairs,

HASTINGS, MINN.

Are You Insured?

IF NOT,

**WHY NOT?**

Representing the following first-class companies:

**PHENIX, HARTFORD,**

Capital and surplus, - \$1,000,700.33

**LORELLARD, OF NEW YORK,**

Capital and surplus, - \$1,402,681.13

**ARCTIC, OF NEW YORK,**

Capital and surplus, - \$626,000.00

**CONN. MUTUAL LIFE, OF HARTFORD,**

Capital and surplus, over \$10,000,000.00

**TRAVELERS, OF CHICAGO,**

Capital and surplus, - \$800,000.00

Life, Fire, and Accident policies written at the very lowest rates.

The companies I represent are sound and reliable, with cash assets amounting to over

**Thirteen Million of Dollars.**

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**SHORT NOTICE.**

I am prepared to issue policies of all descriptions, Life, Fire, and Accident, upon all classes of property, at short notice, and upon the best terms. It offer to the insured the very best security, and as low rates as any other responsible company. Call and see us.

Circulars, Calendars, Blotters, and Show Cards furnished upon application.

IRVING TODD.

Hastings, Feb. 1, 1886.

**IRVING TODD.**

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## SPECIAL NOTICES.

**Strange, but True.**  
Every young lady and gentleman in the United States can hear something very much to their advantage by return mail, free of charge, by addressing the undersigned. Those having fears of being lame, lagged will oblige by not neglecting this card. All others will please address their obedient servant,  
THOS. F. CHAPMAN,  
40-ly No. 13 Chambers St., New York.

**Errors of Youth.**  
A gentleman who suffered for years from nervous debility, premature decay, and all the effects of youthful indiscretion, will, for the sake of suffering humanity, send free to all who need it the recipe and directions for making the simple remedy by which he was cured. Sufferers wishing to profit by the advertiser's experience can do so by addressing  
J. B. QUINN,  
40-ly No. 13 Chambers St., New York.

**To Constipated.**  
The advertiser, having been restored to health in a few weeks by a very simple remedy, after having suffered for several years with a severe lung affection, and that dread disease, consumption, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. Those who desire it, will send a copy of the prescription used, free of charge, with the directions for preparing and using the same, which they will find a sure cure for consumption, asthma, bronchitis, coughs, colds, and throat and lung affections. The only object on the advertiser's part in sending the prescription is the benefit of the afflicted, and spread information which he conceives to be valuable, and he hopes every sufferer will try his remedy, as it will cure them nothing, and may prove a blessing.  
Parties wishing the prescription, free, by return mail, will please address  
Rev. Edward A. Wilson,  
Williamburg, Kings Co., New York.

**The White Pine.**  
It has long been known that this tree contained many excellent medicinal qualities, and it is only of comparatively recent date that they have been analyzed and combined into remedies for popular use. Dr. J. W. Polard, formerly a druggist of high repute—a few years since he discovered a medicine, which he called the White Pine Compound, and so efficacious has it proved in all throat, lung, and kidney diseases, wherever it has been used, that the people demand for it in quantities that will soon make it one of the New England states. The medicine is especially popular in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont, where the virtues of the white pine are as familiar as household words.  
21-3m

## GROCERIES.

## NEW GROCERY HOUSE.

**YANZ & BRONSON,**  
Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

## STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES.

Corner of Second and Vermilion Streets,  
HASTINGS, MINN.

A well selected stock of

## SUGARS, COFFEES, TEAS, ETC., ETC.

Canes and Dried Fruits,

Best quality of

## TOBACCO AND CIGARS.

LOW FOR CASH.

Hastings, Feb. 5th, 1896. 40-ly

## A NEW SONG SET TO A NEW TUNE.

The news to-day the people cheer,  
But to grocers 'tis appalling,  
BOWKER & CALDWELL now are here,  
And groceries are falling!

Hurrah for BOWKER & CALDWELL.

Fact, gentlemen, BOWKER & CALDWELL have just opened a good stock of groceries opposite the Tremont House, where you can find all the more substantial good things as well as the little sweets so well come on the table.

Their Tea, Tobacco, Flour, and Rice,  
Rope, Washboards, Tallow Candles,  
Oysters, Sardines, Pickles, Spice,  
And nice new Brooms with handles.

Drop in at BOWKER & CALDWELL'S.

These horrid shirts, dirty and gray,  
Wife said, there was no hope,  
But now, the washing is all done,  
She has BOWKER & CALDWELL'S soap.

The place to buy is at  
BOWKER & CALDWELL'S.

They're Sugars, Fruits, Molasses, Hams,  
Kerosene Oil and Nails,  
Lobsters, Whitefish, Pork, and Clams,  
Butter, Eggs, and Fats.

Don't forget Second Street, Hastings,  
A few doors below Macomber's jewelry store.

CHAS. SCHROTH. JOHN FELLER.  
SCHROTH & FELLER,

Dealers in

## All kinds of Leather.

## BELTINGS, FINDINGS.

## SADLER AND SHOEMAKER'S

## TOOLS, ETC.

Our goods are bought direct from  
manufacturers, and will be sold at  
figures for cash.  
Orders solicited, which will be promptly  
and carefully attended to.  
Cash on delivery and net. 17-ly

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## LOCAL AFFAIRS.

**FESTIVAL.**—The good ladies of this city propose giving a festival at Teutonia Hall, on Friday evening of next week, the proceeds to be devoted towards fencing the city cemetery. This is a worthy object, and undoubtedly will be liberally patronized.

**PERSONAL.**—MARK WILLSON, esq., formerly of this city, and now of Wisconsin, left with his family on the night of election for his new home, having at no little sacrifice retained his residence here long enough to assist in the glorious work in Dakota County. Mr. WILLSON was a good citizen, liberal and public spirited, and, while we, in common with our entire community, regret the change, yet we are pleased with the favorable prospects before him. He has one of the best residences, as well as a store, in Wisconsin, is doing a handsome trade, and bids fair to make his mark among the leading business men of the state. Quite a number of our prominent citizens went down to the boat to extend a parting hand, with their best wishes for future prosperity.

Judge McCLEURE was in town this morning, on his way to open court in Washington County.

**THEFTING.**—During the past week or two there has been an unusual amount of petty robbery going on in town, and we hear of several houses being broken into and pillaged. On Tuesday night there was a barrel of whiskey carried off of the levee, which led to the detection of the thief, a man named TRIPP, living up stairs in Reuse's old store building. Here was also found various pilfered articles, including belting, bolts, etc., stolen from reapers and threshing machines, which Mr. BAKER advertised in September. The scoundrel was arrested, examined, and committed to the Ramsey County jail until the next session of court, but, by some carelessness on the part of those who had him in charge, was permitted to escape. We hope the matter may be satisfactorily explained, as there is no little feeling among our citizens in relation to it.

## LOCAL NOTICES.

A large variety of Breakfast Shawls, Nubias, Hoods, and Fur Caps, latest styles, at Marx & Mayer's. Call and see their new goods, and obtain their prices. Every thing warranted.

**SEWING MACHINE FOR SALE.**—Any one wishing to purchase a Wilcox & Gibbs Sewing Machine (new) at a bargain can have an opportunity by calling at this office. 28-1f

By trading with Newman you have the advantage of a large assortment, and fair prices. Call and see his stock, and you may find something to your advantage. At Union Block, Second Street.

If you have not already done so, call at Macomber's and secure one or more tickets for his second gift ball, to come off some time this month. This is no humbug, but warranted to be fair and square in every respect. The gifts are on exhibition at his store. Drop in and see.

Prof. J. P. Lambert will resume his class in singing on Tuesday evening, the 4th of December. He proposes to introduce the celebrated Cheve system, which is a great improvement over the old system of teaching. It will be necessary for all who wish to become members of his class to furnish themselves with tickets, which can be procured at Twitchell's Bookstore, or from J. W. Pringle. Tickets \$2.00 for twenty-four lessons.

**DISTRIBUTIONS.**—We would call attention to the opinion of one of the leading papers of Canada on this subject: "Most of our readers have no doubt read some of the numerous advertisements of gift enterprises, gift concerts, etc., which appear from time to time in the public prints, offering most tempting bargains to those who will patronize them. In most cases these are genuine humbugs. But there are a few respectable firms who do business in this manner, and they do it as a means of increasing their wholesale business. It is true, handsome and valuable articles are procured for a very small sum, and what is more important, no one is ever cheated. Every person gets good value for his dollar; because, as we have stated, it is intended to act as an advertisement to increase their ordinary business. We have seen numbers of prizes sent out in this way by SHERMAN, WATSON & CO., of Nassau Street, New York, and there is no doubt that some of the articles are worth eight or ten times the money paid for them, while we have not seen or heard of a single article which was not fully worth the dollar which it cost. But this is only one of the exceptions of this rule, for as a general thing the parties engaged in this business are nothing but clever swindlers."—Saturday Reader, Montreal, O. E., Jan. 13, 1866. 27-3m

## MARRIED.

In Hastings, Nov. 8th, 1866, by C. W. Crosby, esq., at his residence, Mr. WILLIS COUNTRYMAN and Miss ALMIRA FROBERG, by

**A. F. and A. M.**  
VERMILION CHAPTER No. 2, R. A. M.—Stated meetings Friday on or preceding full moon of each month at their hall, corner of Second and Vermilion Streets. J. E. FINCH, H. P. G. O. K. Secy.

**DAKOTA LODGE, No. 7, A. F. and A. M.**—Stated meetings 2d and 4th Wednesday in each month at their hall, corner of Second and Vermilion Streets. R. J. MARTIN, W. M. C. O. B. Secy.

**MT. MORIAH LODGE, No. 35, A. F. and A. M.**—Stated meetings 1st and 3d Mondays in each month at their hall, corner of Second and Vermilion Streets. J. E. FINCH, W. M. C. O. B. Secy.

**I. O. O. F.**  
VERMILION LODGE, No. 8.—Meets Tuesday evening of every week at their hall, corner of Second and Vermilion Streets. LOUIS HENRY, N. G. N. C. JOHNSON, Recording Secretary.

**I. O. of G. T.**  
STAR LODGE, No. 47.—Regular meeting every Monday evening, at their hall on Third Street. JOHN KENNEDY, W. S.

**HASTINGS LUMBER MARKET.**  
Common Lumber, \$23 00 Clear, No. 1, 50 00  
Flooring, 25 00 No. 2, 40 00  
Siding, 30 00 No. 1, 60 00  
Lath, 25 00 No. 2, 25 00

**MONETARY QUOTATIONS OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF HASTINGS.**  
[CORRECTED WEEKLY.]  
BANKABLE FUNDS.  
U. S. Notes, 100 00  
All National Banks, 100 00

**Exchange.**  
FOR BANKABLE FUNDS.  
New York, Philadelphia, Boston, 90 00  
Chicago, 80 00  
St. Paul, 70 00

**PREMIUM FUNDS.**  
Gold, 100 00  
Silver (Specie), 100 00  
U. S. Demand Notes, 100 00  
Canada, 100 00

**HASTINGS PRODUCE MARKET.**  
Hastings, Nov. 13th, 1866.  
Receipts are increasing, as well as prices.

**WHEAT, No. 1, per bushel, \$1.25—1.50**  
WHEAT, No. 2, per bushel, 1.15—1.45  
FLOUR, per sack, 4.75—5.00  
COAL, per bushel, 80—85  
OATS, per bushel, 45—50  
RYE, per bushel, 45—50  
BUCKWHEAT, per bushel, 45—50  
BARLEY, per bushel, 45—50  
HAY, per ton, 10.00—12.00  
HAY, per cord, 5.00—6.00  
BUTTER, per lb., 30—40  
CHEESE, per lb., 25—30  
EGGS, per dozen, 25—30  
PORK, fresh, per cwt., 10.00—11.00  
PORK, salt, per lb., 10—15  
BEEF, fresh, per lb., 10—15

**MISCELLANEOUS.**  
**THE GROWING TRIUMPH.**  
**Lamb**  
**Knitting Machine.**

The Complete Knitter. Operating on an entirely New Principle.

This machine knits the heel into the stocking and narrows off the toe, sets up its own work, widens and narrows, and knits tubular, double, and flat with selvages producing all kinds of fancy fabrics and knit goods in use. It knits a yard of plain work in ten minutes, a pair of socks in twenty minutes, of any kind of yarn, woolen or cotton, coarse or fine, in short, the most profitable machine ever invented for woman. Agents wanted every where. Address the Lamb Knitting Machine Company, Davenport, Iowa, for circulars, enclosing stamp.

11-6m N. G. LEE, Gen. Agt.

**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF HASTINGS**  
Is now fully organized for the transaction of a general banking business with a capital of \$100,000. The bank will receive Deposits, buy and sell Exchange, United States, and State Bonds and Securities, Coupons, Gold, etc., etc.

S. G. RENTZ, President.  
Stephen Gardner, Vice President.  
L. S. FULLET, Cashier.

S. G. RENTZ, L. S. FULLET, Stephen Gardner, H. H. PRINGLE, A. W. GARDNER.  
Hastings, Jan. 1, 1866. 22-1f

**J. DUFOUR.**  
Retail in

**Wines and Liquors.**  
Cognac, Champagne, Claret, Sherry, Port, Rum, Brandy, Gin, Orange Bitters, Bourbon, Rye, Monongahela, etc. All kinds of bottled goods always on hand. Second Street, nearly opposite Tremont House. Hastings, May 29, 1866. 7-1y

**C. W. CROSBY,**  
AND  
**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE**  
Conveyancer, General Insurance and Real Estate Agent.

Notes and accounts collected. Titles to property investigated, and taxes paid for non residents. Office, post-office block, up stairs, Hastings, Minn. 14-1f

**TONTINE BILLIARD ROOM,**  
**Lawrence Nessel, Proprietor,**  
Ramsey Street, near levee,  
Hastings, - - - - - MINNESOTA.

The best wines, liquors, and cigars constantly on hand. Coffin Oak's celebrated St. Paul Ale always on draught. 19-1f

**H. D. WILLIAMS,**  
Manufacturer and Dealer in  
**Harness & Saddlery.**  
Saddles, Collars, Whips, etc., etc., constantly on hand. Also a full supply of Frank Miller's celebrated harness oil. Harness made to order, and all kinds of repairing done at short notice and in good style. Shop on Second Street, opposite Pringle's Hardware Store. 6-1f

**THE NASON & HAMLIN CABINET ORGANS,** forty different styles, adapted to sacred and secular music, for \$80 to \$500 each. Fifty-one gold or silver medals or other first premiums awarded them. Illustrated catalogues free. Address, Nason & Hamlin, Boston, or Nason Brothers, New York. 29-1y

**MARRIAGE AND CELIBACY.**—An essay of warning and instruction for young men. Also, diseases and abuses which prematurely prostrate the vital powers, with sure means of relief. Sent free of charge, in sealed letter envelopes. Address Dr. J. SKILLIN Houghton, New York. 29-1y

**IRVING TODD.**

Representing the following first-class companies:

**PHOENIX, HARTFORD,**  
Capital and surplus, - - \$1,006,790.38

**LORILLARD, OF NEW YORK,**  
Capital and surplus, - - \$1,402,681.13

**ARCTIC, OF NEW YORK,**  
Capital and surplus, - - \$626,000.00

**CONN. MUTUAL LIFE, OF HARTFORD,**  
Capital and surplus, over \$10,000,000.00

**TRAVELERS, OF CHICAGO,**  
Capital and surplus, - - \$300,000.00

Life, Fire, and Accident policies written at the very lowest rates.

The companies I represent are sound and reliable, with cash assets amounting to over

**Thirteen Million of Dollars.**

For particulars call at the agency in Exchange Block, Second Street.

I am prepared to issue policies of all descriptions, Life, Fire, and Accident, upon all classes of property, at short notice, and upon the best terms. It offers to the insured the very best security, and as low rates as any other responsible company. Call and see us.

Circulars, Calendars, Blotters, and Show Cards furnished upon application.

**IRVING TODD.**

## INSURANCE.

**PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY**

**AGAINST LOSS BY**

**FIRE**

**BY INSURING WITH**

**IRVING TODD**

*Insurance Agent,*

In Exchange Block, up stairs,

**HASTINGS, MINN.**

Are You Insured?

**IF NOT,**

**WHY NOT?**

He is confident that, after fifteen years experience in the business, he is prepared to give general satisfaction.

Call and examine articles and prices. No trouble to show goods.

He has a large supply of

**FANCY GOODS,**

such as LADIES' TRIMMINGS, EM. BRODERIES, and WORSTED GOODS, which will be closed out at a bargain, and ten per cent cheaper than any other house in town.

Remember the place, on Vermilion Street, and drop in. 23-6m

**MARX & MAYER,**

AT THE

**New York Clothing House,**

(Mark Willson's old stand.)

would inform the citizens of Hastings and vicinity that, in addition to their large stock of

**READY MADE CLOTHING**

AND

**GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS**

they have received a select stock of

**STAPLE**

AND

**DOMESTIC DRY GOODS,**

**LADIES AND GENTS' FURS,**

**Etc., Etc., Etc.,**

which they will sell at prices that defy competition.

Our stock of

**FLANNELS, BLANKETS,**

AND

**WOOLEN YARN**

is also very large, and purchasers will find it to their advantage to examine our stock before buying elsewhere. We propose to sell

**Lower than the Lowest.**

No trouble to show goods.

**MARX & MAYER.**

Hastings, Oct. 13th, 1866

## CLOTHING.

**THE UNION CLOTHING STORE.**

**PHILIPP FRANK**

has opened a new clothing house in Howe's new building, on Vermilion Street, nearly opposite post-office, where he will be pleased to show the citizens of Hastings and vicinity the largest and handomest stock of

**READY-MADE CLOTHING,**

**Gents' Furnishing Goods,**

**HATS AND CAPS,**

**VALISES AND UMBRELLAS,**

*Etc., Etc., Etc.*

This stock has been purchased East during the late decline, expressly for this market, and will be sold at living rates. All goods warranted well made and of the best material.

**QUICK SALES AND SMALL PROFITS.**

He is confident that, after fifteen years experience in the business, he is prepared to give general satisfaction.

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**PRINTING**

Neatly and Cheaply Executed

AT THE

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**STAPLE**

AND

**DOMESTIC DRY GOODS,**

**LADIES AND GENTS' FURS,**

**Etc., Etc., Etc.,**

which they will sell at prices that defy competition.

Our stock of

**FLANNELS, BLANKETS,**

AND

**WOOLEN YARN**

is also very large, and purchasers will find it to their advantage to examine our stock before buying elsewhere. We propose to sell

**Lower than the Lowest.**

No trouble to show goods.

**MARX & MAYER.**

Hastings, Oct. 13th, 1866

## MISCELLANEOUS.

**FALL RUNNING ARRANGEMENT.**

**1866**

**MINN. CENTRAL RAILWAY.**

On Thursday, Sept. 13th, 1866, and thereafter trains will move as follows:

**EASTERN EXPRESS:**  
GOING SOUTH.  
Leave Minneapolis 6:40 a. m.  
Leave West St. Paul 6:45 a. m.  
Arrive at Owatonna 10:45 a. m.

**GOING NORTH.**  
Leave Owatonna 11:45 a. m.  
Arrive at West St. Paul 4 p. m.  
Arrive at Minneapolis 4:00 p. m.

Making direct connections at Owatonna with trains of the Winona and St. Peter Railroad for Winona, La Crosse, Milwaukee, Chicago, and all points East and South. Time between St. Paul, Minneapolis, and La Crosse twelve hours.

**ACCOMMODATION.**  
Connecting at Mendota with trains of the Minnesota Valley Railroad.  
Leave Owatonna 6:20 a. m., arrive at West St. Paul 12 m.  
Leave West St. Paul 3:10 p. m., arrive at Owatonna 9 p. m.

This train gives persons residing on the line of the Central Railway an opportunity to visit St. Paul, remain three hours, and return the same day.

Arrangements having been made by the Central and Valley railroads for joint use of track between West St. Paul and Minneapolis, two trains a day, each way, will be run direct between these places as follows:

**MINNESOTA AND ST. PAUL ACCOMMODATION**  
via Minn. Valley and St. Paul Railroads.  
Minneapolis... 8:00 a. m. | West St. Paul... 8:55 p. m.  
Minneapolis... 8:20 p. m. | West St. Paul... 4:00 p. m.  
West St. Paul... 8:10 a. m. | Minneapolis... 10:05 a. m.  
West St. Paul... 3:00 p. m. | Minneapolis... 5:55 p. m.

Fare between West St. Paul and Minneapolis with St. Paul bridge ticket 50 cents, and with St. Paul omnibus ticket 70 cents.

Tickets for these trains should be purchased of Capt. I. C. George, agent at Burbank & Co's. Northwestern express office, St. Paul, and at Minnesota Central Depot, Minneapolis.

Tickets for all other trains, including through tickets for eastern points, can be purchased as above, also from C. L. Wood, Agent Minn. Minn. Valley R. R., at depot in West St. Paul.

**D. C. SHEPARD,**  
General Superintendent.  
Sept. 11, 1866. 24-1f

**STATIONERY.**

**BOOK STORE.**

**W. P. STANLEY & CO.,**

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

**Books, Stationery,**



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## FINISH HASTINGS

# CONSERVER

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